Decontrol of fertilizers industry

941. SHRI SOLIPETA RAMACHANDRA REDDY:
SHRI P.N. SIVA:

Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have decided for total decontrol of fertilizers industry;

(b) whether Government also propose to gradually cut subsidy in urea price;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) how the farmers would be helped?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI SATYA BRATA MOOKHERJEE): (a) to (d) In keeping with the policy of economic liberalisation and reforms, all other varieties of fertilizers except urea have already been freed from price, movement and distribution control. The Government intends moving towards a deregulated regime in all the three types of fertilizers, that is, nitrogen, phosphatic and potassic, after taking into account its fiscal capacity on the one hand and making available fertilizers to the farmers at a reasonable price on the other. It is proposed to translate the intention of the Government into a concrete action plan by formulating a long term policy for the fertilizers sector which would include, *inter-alia*, the Government's decisions on the recommendations made by the High Powered Fertilizer Policy Review Committee and Expenditure Feforms Commission.

Wildlife population in Uttranchal

†942. SHRI BALKAVI BAIRAGI: Will the Minister of

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